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EDITORIAL NOTES.

—The Teachers' Association for the County of Wentworth at their last Association, adopted a resolution in favor of a change in the school vacations, as follows: Schools to open on second day of January; Easter holidays to be abolished, and summer vacation to begin on July 1st, instead of the 16th, as at present. This is fighting it out on the right line. It is possible to have too many holidays as well as too few. We never favored the idea of Easter holidays—they only lead to a waste of valuable time, as many pupils who would otherwise continue at school several weeks, break off, and do not feel disposed to return for a week or two of another term. Right Wentworth.

—It is recommended by the East Middlesex Teachers' Association, that Third Class Certificates be graded, grade A to be the certificate of a master and grade B assistant. It is also proposed to add to the

subjects at present required from third class candidates, Algebra to the end of simple Equations, Elementary Mensuration, Euclid Book I., and Bookkeeping. In grade A, it is also proposed to require 50 per cent. of the aggregate marks in each subject. It is further proposed to abolish monitors' certificates and let their place be taken by Third Class Grade B teachers. Grade B teachers may be licensed at 16 and grade A not younger than 19 years of age, the former to remain in force one year, the latter five, with the option of writing for a second class certificate at the end of three years. It is also proposed to allow candidates to subdivide the examination work into two portions, taking a fixed portion one year and the remainder the year following. We fail to see where there is any advantage in grading third class teachers, on the basis proposed. We think it better to maintain the present course of study for third class